(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) This Ministry has got no inform'a-tion on this subject. The same is being collected.

(e) This Ministry has no specific information on this subject. The same is being collected.

Purchase of locomotives

497. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item 'appeared in Hindustan Times dated 16th October 1987 under the caption "Giants locked up in loco price" and whether the price quoted by the Railways for purchase BHEL locomotives is far less;

(b) whether the Indian Railways is purchasing locomotives in the international market from various countries though manufacturing units of locomtives exist in India; and

(c) whether Government have any plans to revise the policy of purchasing locomo tives from foreign countries and get supply of locomotives manufactured by BHEL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SC1NDIA).. (a) Yes, Sir/ the said news item has engaged the attention of Government. However the price payable to BHEL is not less; it is same as the manufacturing cost of Chittaranjan Locomtive Works for similar WAG 5A locomotives plus extra price for modification of 4 items.

(b) Yes, Sir. A few locomotives are being imported primarily for upgradation of technology. There is no other established indigenous manufacturer of electric locomotives other than Chittaranjan Locomotive Works of Indian Railways as of now.

(c) In view of the position explained in reply to part (b) above, the question of revision of policy does not arise.

Retirement age of Airhoitessea

498. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: WILL the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Airhostes-ses enlployou by, India Who are lndian citizens have to retire when they attain the age of 45 whereas Airhostesses who are citizens of foreign countries are allowed to retire at t'ne age of 55 years; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this kind of discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Harmiul effect of Coldrin on Chldrin

499. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that the drug Coldrin has a dangerously high-content of aspirin in its composition which is very harmful to young children and whether this drug is freely available over the counter without prescription; and

(b) if so, what steps are being takena by Government to prevent the proliferation and easy availability of such harmful drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The drug Coldarin is formulaed to provide relief of symptoms of common cold and each tablet contains 600 mg. of Aspirin. The recommended dose of Aspirin in children as a» •analygesic-antipyretic is 225—300 mg. (single dose) not to be given move than 3 times daily for 3 to 5 years of age and 300 —(single does) not to be given more than 4 times daily for 6 to 12 years of age. The amount of Aspirin in Co!daria is based on the above dosage recommendation.

Aspirin, which has analgesic (pain killing, antipyredc (lemperatu.e Twering) and any-inflammatory properties 'has been widely used in therapeutics the world over and also used as the over the counter medicine because the indications of such formulations are for symptomatic relief of minor allmetns like head-ache, foody-ache, fever, etc.

As per the latest directive, any formulation containing Aspirin is not to be used in children below 12 years of age except under medical advice and such a warning is given on the package insert and promotional literature of formulations •containing Aspirin.

***V.G.C.* Grant for Libraries in Punjab**

500. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BAN-SAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RE SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) the amount released by the U.G.C. for the de elopment of libraries in Punjab and Chandigarh during the last year; and

(b) the number of Colleges Institutions benefited by the said grant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The UGC provides development grants to Universities and Colleges for various purposes including development •of their libraries. During 1986-87 the Commission sanctioned Rs. 38.50 lakhs to 126 colleges in Punjab for purchase of books and journals, Rs. 2.81 lakhs to 7 colleges for construction of library build ings and Rs. 28.50 lakhs to Punjab, Punjabi and Guru Nanak Dev Universities for purchase of books and journals.

Adult" Education Institutes in Chandigarh

501. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BAN-SAL; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Institutes engaged in providing adult education in the Union Territory of Chaadigarh as on date;

(b) the amount ')f fund allotted and utilized for the said purpose during the last year; and

(c) the number of persons benefited by the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) 220 Adult Education Centres are being run under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rural Functional Literacy Project and State Adult Education Programme. One Shramik Vidyapeeth is also functioning in Chandigarh for workers adult education. Regional Resource Centre, under Punjab University is providing academic support to the Programme. Punjab University has also been sanctioned adult education centres by the University Grants Commission.

(b) Of Rs. 13.92 lakhs sanctioned under Rural Functional Literacy Projects, Shramik Vidyapeeth, Regional Resource Centre and Punjab University; Rs. 12.38 lakhs have been utilised during last year.

(c) As per the monitoring report for the quarter ending 30.9.87, 3715 persons have been enrolled both under the Central and State programmes.

Autonomous Status to Colleges in Punjab

502. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BAN-SAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any College from Punjab is under the consideration of U.G.C. for grant of autonomous status;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the assistance provided by U.G.C. to an autonomous College ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No proposals have so far been received by the UGC from any college in Punjab for conferring autonomous status.